



**Dr. Colin Carrie, MP**  
Oshawa

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## **Oshawa MP Hosts Local Roundtable on Opioid Crisis**

**Oshawa, ON – May 19, 2017** – Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Official Opposition Critic for Health, hosted a robust roundtable discussion with a diverse group of local stakeholders to discuss the impacts of the opioid crisis in our community.

“Anyone who looks at the situation can clearly see that this is a crisis that is affecting communities across Canada. Even Justin Trudeau and the Liberals have acknowledged that something needs to be done to reduce opioid abuse in Canada” said Dr. Carrie. “While their legislation addressed some of the key concerns I heard today, it fails to ensure communities are properly consulted.”

A record number of Canadians have died from drug overdoses this year, including those involving fentanyl. Bill C-37, which became law on May 18, addresses some of the key issues such as reducing the amount of illicit drugs coming into Canada. However, the Bill’s focus on expediting the approval process for supervised injection sites by limiting community consultation is troubling to many stakeholders.

“The consensus today seemed to be proper consultation with services providers and officials on the ground in impacted communities is pivotal to addressing the crisis. It is clear that folks feel Bill C – 37 could have made a larger difference, had the Liberals done more appropriate and robust consultations prior to tabling it in the House” Dr. Carrie said. “Today’s meeting was just a first step. I look forward to continuing to engage these important stakeholders as we work to address this crisis.”

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